



The Character of Every Christmas Gift

should be a true expression of the feeling which prompts its giving

WHITTALL RUGS

make practical and beautiful Christmas gifts.

FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS we have a large assortment of presents that will please the little folks. Sleds, Dolls' Beds, Chimes, Doll Carriages, Doll Cutters, Kiddie Horses, Skudder Cars, small size Pool Tables, Blackboards, and Children's Rockers.

A visit to our store is sure to result in your finding just the gift you wish to make.

In Pictures, Framed and Unframed, we have the famous Davidson and Sawyer Hand-Colored Platinums, taken from White and Green Mountain scenery.

Our Picture Framing Department is very busy, but we shall get out every order on time for Christmas.

B. W. Hooker & Co., Inc.

Leading Furniture Dealers

A Collegiate Christmas.

How quickly responsive the colleges are becoming to the needs of the time in the little things as well as the big is evidenced by a decision suddenly announced from Tufts. President Bumpus has determined to extend the approaching Christmas vacation to cover a period of fully three weeks and a little over. This arrangement will serve two purposes. In the first place, there appears to be an unusual number of students in various departments of the college who are anxious to earn money just now, and the earning is never better than it is during the holiday season. In the second place, an extension of the vacation will mean for Tufts considerable economies in its use of fuel for heating, despite the fact that special provision will be made to continue uninterrupted the work of those students of draft age who are now taking special intensive courses to

prepare themselves for service in one or another branch of the military establishment.

What seems of good promise in such a decision as this is not merely its wisdom as a war time measure, but also the responsiveness which it indicates even to a popular need that appears rather late in the day. Colleges have never been obtuse to such necessities, but often enough academic red tape has unhealthily restricted what should be the flexibility of collegiate administration, saving a proper measure of firmness and dignity. After all, an academy's calendar is not sacrosanct.—Boston Transcript.

"I want a synonym for 'fat.'" "Say, 'adipose tissue!'" "Too long. Give me something shorter." "How will a-b-e-d do?"—Boston Transcript.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Snowshoes. Tilden Shoe Co. Saddle, Keith avenue, doll carriages, wood and metal.

Violins and fittings for presents at Gould's, 58 Spaulding street.

Mrs. Laura Ditty left this morning for Salem, Mass., after an extended stay in Barre.

Five cents on every dollar's worth of cash register slips for cash purchases at N. D. Phelps Co.

Give useful presents this year. What better than shoes, slippers or arctic? Tilden Shoe Co.

C. B. Duncan has returned to his home in Melrose, after passing a few days in the city on business.

Prices reduced on all pianos during our Christmas sale. Bailey's Music Rooms, 14 Elm street.

Fancywork of all kinds. Mrs. Waterman, 21 Camp street. Tel. 596-W, or Mrs. Shepard's store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward Carver of Tremont street have returned home after passing a week in Boston.

All stores, members of the Barre Retail Merchants' association, Inc., will remain open evenings until Christmas.

Music furnished for all occasions by Montpelier M. band orchestra, Karl Forsell, manager, phone Montpelier 252-W.

To save money, buy hat piano now. You will be obliged to pay a little later. Go to Gould's, 58 Spaulding street.

Parlor golf game, "the king of indoor sports," an ideal Christmas gift. Regular price \$2. Special for this week, 50c. The Homer Fitts Co.

Wallace A. Furman, who has been employed in the granite industry for the past two months, left this morning for Bridgeport, Conn., where he has secured employment.

As I am closing my millinery parlors Dec. 24 until the spring season, I offer some very good bargains in hats at your own price. Call and see them. Mrs. S. E. Laviolette.

The condition of James Hillis of Elm street, who is seriously ill as the result of exposure on the morning of the town hall fire a week ago, is reported to be somewhat improved.

Thomas Tomasi arrived yesterday from Boston, where he is enrolled as a student in the Tufts dental college, to spend the Christmas recess at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Tomasi of North Main street.

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OPEN
EVENINGS
UNTIL XMAS



Only 4 Working Days to Christmas

This is a Season of Sensible Gifts

Nearly all gifts this season will be Necessity Gifts, kinds that people really need. Kinds that will be scarce later and hard to get. People begin to realize that goods of all kinds will jump in price faster during the next six months than they have in any one year during the war. You have not begun to see high prices yet. We have a chance to see what is coming for spring prices. The only thing that we can do to save you these prices is to tell you to buy before February 1st, and the quicker the better. Work some of your Christmas buying into this saving.

Kinds for This Christmas

Whether you buy for your own family or for friends, buy sensible gifts. They will be appreciated before another Christmas comes around.

Hosiery makes neat gifts. You can buy Hose that used to be 25c for 35c, and these same Hose in ten weeks from now will be 50c. We know. You will know later.

Silk Hose for better kinds, put up in Christmas boxes, are very good. Silk Fibre Hose, good quality at 69c. Pure Silk Hose at a little more.

Buy Underwear for the whole family and save one-half your money.

Sweaters. What we have left at less than cost of yarn to-day.

Wash Goods. A good assortment that will have to be marked up as soon as stock day, Feb. 1.

Wool Dress Goods. You know the Wool market. Dress Goods will have to step up the first of the year. You can buy Silks now at a good saving. The report now is that the government is going to ask the ladies to wear Silk dresses instead of wool, so as to save the wool yarn.

Umbrellas make desirable gifts. These in a large assortment at a saving.

Handkerchiefs are not very much higher than last season. We have lots of kinds at the same prices. Next season they will be like other goods, nearly double. Buy for next year what you will need.

There are several things in our Bargain Basement at a saving.

For friends that you just care to remember, buy from our very choice line of Christmas Cards. We have the Gates Hand-Tinted Christmas Cards.



A full line of Meccano Construction Sets. These are the original Construction Sets. The greatest thing that one can put in a boy's hands. They teach the boy to think, to construct and build different things. They start a boy on the road of engineering. They are a great education builder. As we haven't the room to carry these goods, we will sell them at one-fourth off the regular price. A real bargain.

The Daylight Store

FIGURE YOUR INCOME TAX.

Federal Officers Will Go Through Vermont This Winter.

In a communication received by this paper, Collector of Internal Revenue Seth W. Jones announces that federal income tax officers will be sent into this state Jan. 2, 1918. They will be located in the following towns for the periods specified. They will be there every day and ready and willing to help persons subject to the income tax make out their returns without cost to them for their services. The postmasters in the above towns will be able to direct you to the office where the deputy is located.

How many in your county? If you can guess how many married persons living with husband or wife will have net incomes of \$2,000 or over and how many unmarried persons will have net incomes of \$1,000 or over this year, then you know. The collector of internal revenue estimates that there will be one income

tax payer for every 30 people in the state.

The returns of income for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1, 1918. Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns, the government is sending in this expert to do it for them. But the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known to the government. If he doesn't make return as required before March 1, he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$1,000, pay a fine, or go to jail. So if you don't want to take chances on going to jail, you better call on the income tax man.

If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better ask him and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not, you must make return if subject to tax.

The collector suggests that everybody start figuring up now his income and expenses so as to be ready with the figures when the expert arrives. Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money

used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money—interest, taxes paid, hired help, amount paid for goods sold, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except for your dwelling), etc. Income includes about every dollar you receive.

County and Town.	Date.
Addison, Middlebury	Jan. 17 to Jan. 18
Bennington, Bennington	Jan. 2 to Jan. 16
Caledonia, St. Johnsbury	Jan. 2 to Jan. 11
Chittenden, Burlington	Jan. 2 to Mar. 1
Essex, Concord	Feb. 2 to Feb. 6
Franklin, St. Albans	Feb. 11 to Mar. 1
Lamoille, Morrisville	Jan. 28 to Feb. 2
Orange, Randolph	Feb. 4 to Feb. 9
Rutland, Rutland	Jan. 21 to Mar. 1
Washington, Montpelier	Feb. 11 to Feb. 23
Windham, Bellows Falls	Jan. 14 to Jan. 26
Windham, Brattleboro	Jan. 14 to Jan. 26
Windsor, Springfield	Jan. 28 to Feb. 2
Windsor, White River Jct.	Jan. 30 to Feb. 2
Windsor, Windsor	Feb. 6 to Feb. 10
Windsor, Woodstock	Feb. 4 to Feb. 7
Orleans, Newport	Jan. 14 to Jan. 26

One Result.

"Your daughter has been in college some time now."

"Yep."

"What has a college education done for her?"

"I dunno. I notice she says, 'Oh, Sophocles' instead of 'Oh, fudge.'"

At 73, Runs 10 Miles in 75 Minutes.

The December American Magazine tells about a wonderful old man who believes in running for health. The writer says about him:

"Colonel James L. Smith is a veteran of the Civil war. He is 73 years old; he lives in Detroit and never misses a day from his desk in one of the city's big automobile plants. Army surgeons have pronounced him 'a physical specimen without a parallel,' because,

"He runs, or walks, five miles as a minimum, and ten miles as a maximum, every day."

"That is his understanding of the secret of his youth. He doesn't claim that it is the secret for other people necessarily—but it is the secret for him."

"Detroiters no longer turn their heads when they see this white-haired man come running down the streets. At 73, he can run 10 miles in 75 minutes. At 73, he can sprint faster than the average youth of 17 or 19. His daily work consists of directing the duties of two dozen messengers. These messengers range in age from 15 to 20 years. There isn't one who would attempt to outstrip the veteran."

Skills for Christmas. Prices right. Tilden Shoe Co.

FANCY MEATS



Here you'll find meats beyond criticism, cut to please the most particular ones.

Best Western Beef
Native Vermont Pig Pork
Native Veal

- 3 pkgs. Warner's Macaroni, Spaghetti or Vermicelli for 25c
- Monadnock Mince Meat 3 packages for 25c
- Pop Corn, special to-day, per lb. 8c
- Monadnock Cocoa in jars, each 25c
- Pure Bulk Cocoa, per lb. 19c
- Blue Ribbon Toilet Paper, special, per roll 5c
- Blue Ribbon Raisins 2 packages for 25c
- Allon Brand Raisins, per package 10c
- Arab Brand Dates, per package 10c
- Onions, 100-lb. bags, each \$2.75

Buy a 25-lb. box of Prunes before they are gone. The next lot will cost more.

The Smith & Cumings Co.

"GOOD THINGS TO EAT"

GOOD VALUES

- Comb Honey, slightly candied but all right for use as a sugar substitute, this lot 20c
- Strained Honey in jars, small size 15c
- Scott's Honey in pint jars, 40c; quarts 75c
- Best Fancy Storage Eggs, per dozen 40c
- Best Western Eggs, per dozen 48c
- Best bulk Mince Meat, per lb. 20c
- Monadnock Package Mince Meat, per pkg. 10c
- Jellycon requires no sugar; all flavors 3 pkgs. 25c
- Canned Corn, per can 15c
- Large can Golden West Lemon Cling Peaches 18c
- Large cans Tomatoes, per can 17c

- Swedish Cured Dried Fish for Christmas.
- Cod Bits in bulk, per lb. 15c
- Queen Olives in bulk, per lb. 15c
- Chow Chow Mustard Pickles, per lb. 15c
- Sweet Relish in bulk, per lb. 20c

- Best No. 1 Baldwins and Greening Apples, pk. 60c
- Good Cooking Apples, per peck 45c

The F. D. Ladd Company

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Notice!

WHILE REPAIRS ARE BEING MADE AT OUR FORMER PLACE OF BUSINESS, WE HAVE OPENED AN OFFICE AT 24 ELM STREET, WHERE WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE ALL OUTSTANDING BILLS.

OPEN THE USUAL HOURS.
WATCH THIS SPACE

TEL. 258

Houghton & Robins

TWO CONTESTS TO ONE.

Barre Took Bowling and Montpelier Won on the Tables.

Barre and Montpelier billiardists and bowlers met in an interesting frame of matches at the Murphy & Weaver establishment in Pearl street last evening, victory on the lanes going to the local rollers. The billiard matches were evenly divided and both contests in pocket billiards were taken by the one artists from the capital. The summaries are given below:

BARRE	BOWLING	MONTPELIER
Broggi	49 84 50 0	Chapman 77 84 73
Saari	54 82 52	Cheney 81 85 81
Batholmer	51 58 76	Warren 73 84 83
Pelli	58 167 35	Bradway 84 86 78
	329 561 364	516 542 368

BARRE	BILLIARDS	MONTPELIER
McCarthy	100	Farnham 81
Gonzo	88	Daley 100

BARRE	POCKET BILLIARDS	MONTPELIER
Henderson	99	Brook 100
Wilmut	99	Loose 100

Clerks' Notice.
A very important meeting of R. C. I. P. A. local 241, will be held Wednesday night, Dec. 19, at 7 o'clock. Per order of Fin. Sec.